

The Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®) course is a seven hour competency-based, awareness-level course that introduces concepts and principles to prepare health professionals for the management of injuries and illnesses caused by disasters and public health emergencies. The primary focus of the BDLS course is incorporation of an “all-hazards” approach to mass casualty management and population-based care across a broad range of disasters.

The BDLS course is aimed at a broad range of audience categories that share a common likelihood of providing clinical care and assistance to casualties during a disaster or public health emergency, including healthcare, public health and allied health professionals; emergency medical services personnel; and other medical first responders and receivers.

The Hospital Preparedness Program will offer three courses via WebEx during February, March and April of 2013. Each course is conducted in 4 evening classes from 7 pm to 9 pm. Check out the EMSTS Training calendar and register for a course. The course is free and approved for 7 hours of CME. The Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®) course is a pre-requisite for the Advanced Disaster Life Support Course that will be offered in June 2013.